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" We cannot stand by while they privatize our public transportation system and turn the keys over to a private company seeking to profit from our riders' fares and the public's tax dollars."

- James O'Brien, President, Boston Carmen's Union Local 589.

Get Active! Upcoming Picket Lines, Strikes, and Walks

Labor Walks: Union members talking to other union members is one of the most

powerful forms of political communication. At our Labor Walks in NH we will be talking to our union brothers and sisters about getting out to vote for Hilary Clinton and Maggie Hassan. Please join us at the doors in these key areas to talk to fellow union members about what is at stake in the Nov 8 election.

- Saturday, October 15: Greater Southeast MA CLC's Labor Walk in Nashua, New Hampshire (Bus Transportation Provided) Launching out of the NH AFL-CIO headquarters on 161 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, NH. Follow the link and SIGN UP for the provided buses.

Boston Carmen's Union: Last Thursday the MBTA's Fiscal Board voted to privatize the public transportation departments' cash room. The vote awards the contract to Brink's cash collection and security company; effectively outsourcing and privatizing the jobs of employees represented by the Boston Carmen's Union. Read more about the 7 union leaders arrested and the battle against privatization here.

- Wednesday, October 12: Rally With T Workers - Stop Privatization

Harvard dining Workers: Negotiations between Harvard food service workers, represented by UNITE HERE Local 26 and Harvard Administration resulted in a resolution to go on strike last week. The administrations' abysmal offer included changes to worker health care plans which Harvard Medical School students have called 'unaffordable' and a refusal to meet a minimum sustainable income of at least $35,000 a year. Read more about the UNITE HERE Local 26 strike and how you can stand in solidarity here.

- Thursday, October 13: **Postponed** Labor Rally to Support Striking Harvard Dining Services Workers
- Everyday This Week, October 11 - 14: Though the labor rally has been postponed, there are still plenty opportunities to support the striking workers. Join the picket lines every day from 8am - 6pm.
  - Corner of Kirkland & Oxford Street, Cambridge
  - Western Ave, Boston (In front of Harvard Business School
  - Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
  - 82 JFK Street, Cambridge

MNA Morton Hospital RNs and Health Care Professionals Authorize Preemptive Strike

The October 6th, overwhelming “yes” vote will allow MNA members to strike after Dec. 31, 2016 should Steward Health Care again decide to not bargain in good faith. The decision to take the vote preemptively comes after countless instances by Steward Health Care, the hospitals’ for-profit corporate owner, breaking promises it has made to patients, nurses and the community; promises to bargain in good faith; and promises it has made under both federal and state regulations.

The Morton Registered Nurses and Health Care Professionals, all of whom are represented by the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), took the vote in hopes of keeping their upcoming contract talks on track, thereby providing them with a level playing field for bargaining contract language that will improve conditions in the hospital for patients, nurses, and HCPs alike.

Read the full press release here

Share the press release on Facebook or Twitter below!

B VOCAL: Kick Off Rehearsal & Founding Meeting

Boston Voices of Community and Labor (B VOCAL) is for every union member, every community activist, everyone who is ready to raise their voice for justice. Please join us at Plumbers Local 12 Hall on Sunday, October 16th, 2-4 as we organize a group of activists ready to bring voices of support in the form of music, to every picket line.

October 10, 12, 13: Labor to Labor Phone Bank to members in NH: Every Mon, Wed, and Thurs through the Election!
October 11, 12, 13, 14: Daytime NO on Question 2 Labor Phone Banks: Every Tuesday – Friday
October 11 and 13: Evening NO on Question 2 Labor Phone Banks: every Tuesday and Thursday
October 11: Tell Rep. Kennedy: No TPP!
Tomorrow - October 12: Rally With T Workers TOMORROW
October 12: Save Our Public Schools Springfield Canvass
October 13, and 27: Labor Phone Bank for Paul Jacques with the Plymouth/Bristol and Norfolk County CLCs
October 13: Save Our Public Schools Lynn Canvass
October 13: Save Our Public Schools Concord Canvass
October 13: Save Our Public Schools Waltham Canvass
October 13: Save Our Public Schools Brookline Canvass
October 13: Save Our Public Schools Belmont Canvass
October 13: Screening of "Food Fight; Inside the Battle for Market Basket "
October 15: Labor Walk in Springfield in Support of Senator Eric Lesser
October 15: Labor Walk in Tewksbury in Support of Senator Barbara L'Italien
October 15: Greater Southeast MA CLC's Labor Walk in Nashua, New Hampshire (Bus Transportation Provided)

October 15: Save Our Public Schools Taunton Canvass
October 15: Save Our Public Schools Fall River Canvass
October 15: Save Our Public Schools Newton Canvass
October 16: B VOCAL; Kick Off Rehearsal & Founding Meeting
October 18: Labor Walk in Worcester in Support of Rep. Dan Donahue
October 19: Last Day to Register to Vote in time for the November 8 Election
October 22: Labor Walk in Saugus in Support of Jen Migliore for State Representative
October 22: Labor Walk in Plymouth in Support of John Mahoney (IUEC) for State Representative
October 22: Labor Walk in Worcester in Support of Rep. Dan Donahue
October 25: Labor Walk in Worcester in Support of Moses Dixon for State Representative
October 27: Labor Walk in Stoneham in support of State Representative Mike Day
October 29: Labor Walk in Seekonk in Support of Paul Jacques (IAFF) for State Representative
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November 05: Volunteer opportunities with labor endorsed campaigns in MA all over the state!
November 05: Labor to Labor GOTV with the NH AFL-CIO
November 08: Election Day

@carmensunion589: Our employees and riders deserve better. We’re not going to back down from this fight: http://carmensunion589.org/2016/10/action-money-room/ … #MBTA #RidersFirst

@UNITEHERE26: Day 7 of the @harvard food service workers strike and we're ready to win! #SupportTheStrike #1u

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